

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) A method for remote purchase payment from an automatic machine comprising the steps of:

contacting the automatic machine with a cellular telephone;
identifying an identifying feature of the cellular telephone;
determining whether a desired transaction is available;
carrying out said transaction by the automatic machine; and
charging a transaction charge for said transaction to said cellular telephone.

2. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said step of identifying is carried out by a cellular telephone service provider.

3. (Currently Amended) The method according to ~~either of claims 1 and 2~~, wherein said step of carrying out a transaction includes providing merchandise from a vending machine.

4. (Currently Amended) The method according to ~~either of claims 1 and 2~~, wherein said step of carrying out a transaction includes providing ~~a service from an automatic service provider~~ merchandise from a vending machine.

5. (Currently Amended) The method according to ~~any of the preceding claims 1~~, wherein said step of ~~identifying includes: identifying said cellular telephone by~~

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~~means of an identifying feature provided by a cellular telephone~~carrying out a transaction
includes providing a service from an automatic service provider.

6. (Currently Amended) The method according to ~~any of the preceding~~
claims 2, wherein said identifying feature is a Caller ID service provided by a cellular
telephonestep of carrying out a transaction includes providing a service from an
automatic service provider.

7. (Currently Amended) The method according to ~~any of the preceding~~
claims 1, wherein said step of identifying includes:

~~connecting with said cellular telephone; and,~~

~~comparing said identifying feature with permitted identifying features;~~identifying
said cellular telephone by means of an identifying feature provided by a cellular
telephone service provider.

8. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim ~~7~~1, wherein said
~~connection with said cellular phone is disconnected following said step of~~
~~identifying;~~identifying feature is a Caller ID service provided by a cellular telephone
service provider.

9. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim ~~7~~1, wherein said step
of identifying ~~further~~ includes:

~~requesting a PIN number; and, comparing said PIN number with PIN number~~
~~covertly provided by said cellular telephone service provider to said automatic machine~~
~~during said connecting step; connecting with said cellular telephones; and,~~
comparing said identifying feature with permitted identifying features.

10. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 79, wherein said step
of ~~identifying further includes:~~

~~submitting a PIN number; and, comparing said PIN number with PIN number~~
~~covertly provided by said cellular telephone service provider to said automatic machine~~
~~during said connecting step; connection with said cellular phone is disconnected following~~
said step of identifying.

11. (Currently Amended) The method according to claims 9 ~~and 10~~, wherein
said ~~connection with said cellular phone is disconnected following said step of~~
~~identifying; of identifying further includes:~~

requesting a PIN number; and,
comparing said PIN number with PIN number covertly provided by said cellular
telephone service provider to said automatic machine during said connecting step.

12. (Currently Amended) The method according to ~~any of claims 1 to 49~~,
wherein said step of identifying includes:

~~connecting with said cellular telephone by infra red means; requesting a PIN number; and, comparing said PIN number with encoded PIN number provided by cellular telephone infra red transmitter to said automatic machine during said connecting step; submitting a PIN number; and,~~

comparing said PIN number with PIN number covertly provided by said cellular telephone service provider to said automatic machine during said connecting step.

13. (Currently Amended) The method according to ~~any of claims 1 to 4,~~ wherein said ~~step of identifying~~ includes:

~~connecting with said cellular telephone by infra red means; submitting a PIN number; and, comparing said PIN number with encoded PIN number provided by cellular telephone infra red transmitter to said automatic machine during said connecting step; cellular phone is disconnected following said step of identify.~~

14. (Currently Amended) The method according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~12, wherein said ~~step of carrying out~~ includes:

~~identifying a desired transaction; determining whether said desired transaction is available;~~connection with said cellular phone is disconnected following said step to identifying.

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15. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 14, wherein said step of ~~carrying out further includes requesting confirmation of said transaction.~~identifying includes: connecting with said cellular telephone by infra red means;

requesting a PIN number; and,

comparing said PIN number with encoded PIN number provided by cellular telephone infra red transmitter to said automatic machine during said connecting step.

16. (Currently Amended) The method according to ~~any of the preceding~~ claims 1, wherein said step of ~~charging includes:~~

~~identifying a desired transaction; calculating a transaction charge associated with said desired transaction; and recording said calculated transaction charge in association with said identifying feature of said cellular telephone.~~ of identifying includes:

connecting with said cellular telephone by infra red means;

submitting a PIN number; and,

comparing said PIN number with encoded PIN number provided by cellular telephone infra red transmitter to said automatic machine during said connecting step.

17. (Currently Amended) The method according to ~~any of the preceding~~ claims 1, wherein said step of ~~charging includes:~~

~~identifying a desired transaction;~~

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~~calculating a transaction charge associated with said desired transaction; and
recording said calculated transaction charge in association with said PIN number.~~

carrying out includes:

identifying a desired transaction;

determining whether said desired transaction is available.

18. (Currently Amended) ~~A system for remote purchase payment from an
automatic machine comprising:~~

~~a cellular telephone having an identifying feature;~~

~~a communication interface coupled to the automatic machine;~~

~~an automatic transaction manager coupled to the automatic machine for~~

~~identifying said identifying feature of said cellular telephone, recording said identifying
feature, identifying a selected transaction, determining availability of said selected
transaction, carrying out said transaction by said automatic machine and calculating a
transaction charge; and~~

~~charging means associated with said automatic transaction manager for associating
said charge with said identifying feature of said telephone.~~

The method according to claim 17, wherein said step of carrying out further

includes requesting confirmation of said transaction.

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19. (Currently Amended) ~~The system according to claim 18, wherein said automatic transaction manager is further adapted to verify PIN number of said cellular telephone user. The method according to claim 1, wherein said step of charging includes:~~

identifying a desired transaction;

calculating a transaction charge associated with said desired transaction; and
recording said calculated transaction charge in association with said

identifying feature of said cellular telephone.

20. (Currently Amended) ~~A system for remote purchase payment from an automatic machine comprising:~~

~~a cellular telephone having infra red means;~~

~~a communication interface coupled to the automatic machine;~~

~~an automatic transaction manager coupled to the automatic machine for verifying a PIN number of said cellular telephone user, recording said PIN number, identifying a selected transaction, determining availability of said selected transaction; carrying out said transaction by said automatic machine and calculating a transaction charge; and~~

~~charging means associated with said automatic transaction manager for associating said charge with said PIN number of said telephone user. The method according to claim~~

1, wherein said step of charging includes:

identifying a desired transaction;

calculating a transaction charge associated with said desired transaction; and
recording said calculated transaction charge in association with said PIN number.

21. (Currently Amended) The system ~~according to claim 18, wherein said~~
~~automatic transaction manager includes:~~

~~means for identifying an identifying feature of said cellular telephone; means for~~
~~recording said identifying feature; means for identifying selected transaction; means for~~
~~determining availability of said selected transaction; means for calculating a transaction~~
~~charge associated with said selected transaction; and means for storing said transaction~~
~~charge in association with said cellular telephone identifying feature. for remote purchase~~
payment from an automatic machine comprising:

a cellular telephone having an identifying feature;
a communication interface coupled to the automatic machine;
an automatic transaction manager coupled to the automatic machine for

identifying said identifying feature of said cellular telephone, recording said
identifying feature, identifying a selected transaction, determining availability of said
selected transaction, carrying out said transaction by said automatic machine and
calculating a transaction charge; and

charging means associated with said automatic transaction manager for
associating said charge with said identifying feature of said telephone.

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22. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 21, wherein said automatic transaction manager is further adapted~~includes to means for verifying a PIN number of said cellular telephone user.~~

23. (Currently Amended) ~~The system according to claims 20, wherein said automatic transaction manager includes:~~

~~means for verifying a PIN number; means for recording said PIN number; means for identifying a selected transaction; means for determining availability of said selected transaction; means for calculating a transaction charge associated with said selected transaction; and means for storing said transaction charge in association with said PIN number.~~ A system for remote purchase payment from an automatic machine comprising:

a cellular telephone having infra red means;

a communication interface coupled to the automatic machine;

an automatic transaction manager coupled to the automatic machine for verifying a PIN number of said cellular telephone user, recording said PIN number,

identifying a selected transaction, determining availability of said selected transaction, carrying out said transaction by said automatic machine and calculating a transaction charge; and

charging means associated with said automatic transaction manager for associating said charge with said PIN number of said telephone user.

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24. (Currently Amended) ~~The method as claimed in any of claims 1 to 17 and substantially as shown and described herein above with reference to any of Figs. 1 to 3.~~
system according to claim 21, wherein said automatic transaction manager includes:

means for identifying an identifying feature of said cellular telephone; means for recording said identifying feature;

means for identifying a selected transaction;

means for determining availability of said selected transaction;

means for calculating a transaction charge associated with said selected transaction; and

means for storing said transaction charge in association with said cellular telephone identifying feature.

25. (Currently Amended) ~~The method as claimed in any of claims 1 to 17 and substantially as illustrated in any of Figs. 1 to 3~~system according to claim 24, wherein said automatic transaction manager further includes means for verifying a PIN number..

26. (Currently Amended) ~~The system as claimed in any of~~according to claims 18 to 23 and substantially as shown and described herein above with reference to any of Figs. 1 to 3. wherein said automatic transaction manager

includes:

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means for verifying a PIN number; means for recording said PIN number; means
for identifying a selected transaction;

means for determining availability of said selected transaction;

means for calculating a transaction charge associated with said selected
transaction; and

means for storing said transaction charge in association with said PIN number.

Claim 27 - cancelled.